

I claim:

1. A reproducing apparatus which reproduces information recorded on a recording medium, comprising:

a pickup which reads recording medium identify information recorded on the recording medium;

a reproducing signal processing circuit which reproduces the recording medium identify information read by the pickup;

a memory which stores a plurality of recording medium identify information sets which have ever been processed by the reproducing signal processing circuit; and

a controller which controls the reproducing apparatus;

wherein based on the recording medium identify information stored in the memory, the controller performs decision processing to determine whether to reproduce specific information recorded on the recording medium.

2. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said memory is detachable.

3. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained from said recording medium.

4. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said controller can obtain information from an external device via a network and a program required for

said decision processing is obtained from the external device via the network.

5. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said specific information is reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify information sets are stored in said memory.

6. A reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said specific information is not reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify information sets are not stored in said memory.

7. A reproducing method for reproducing information recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reproducing recording medium identify information recorded on the recording medium;

storing a plurality of recording medium identify information sets which have ever been processed; and

based on the stored recording medium identify information, performing decision processing to determine whether to reproduce specific information recorded on the recording medium.

8. A reproducing method according to claim 7 wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained from said recording medium.

9. A reproducing method according to claim 7 wherein a program required for said decision processing is obtained

from an external device via a network.

10. A reproducing method according to claim 7 wherein said specific information is reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify information sets are stored.

11. A reproducing method according to claim 7 wherein said specific information is not reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify information sets are not stored.

12. A program for controlling a reproducing apparatus that reproduces information recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reading out recording medium identify information stored in a memory of said reproducing apparatus; and

based on the recording medium identify information sets read out, performing decision processing to determine whether to reproduce specific information recorded on the recording medium.

13. A reproducing method according to claim 12 wherein said specific information is reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify information sets are read out.

14. A reproducing method according to claim 12 wherein said specific information is not reproduced if the required number of said recording medium identify

information sets are not stored.

15. A recording medium on which information is stored, said information comprising:

recording medium identify information for identifying the recording medium;

specific information which is reproduced if a prescribed condition is met; and

a program which controls a reproducing apparatus to execute the steps of: reading out recording medium identify information stored in the reproducing apparatus; and determining whether to reproduce the specific information based on the recording medium identify information read out.